

Cultural Council Minutes

November 17, 2010

Present: Leah Kliger, Amy Whittenburg, Cathy Heffron, Jeff Parks, Sheila Mickool, Rebecca Devere, Bhaj Townsend, GG Getz, Melissa Nelson, Ellen Miller-Wolfe (staff), Julie Huffman (staff), Deb Twersky from 4Culture (guest)

Absent: Kathy Feek, Emily Hanna, Margit Moore, Erik Gordon

MEETING MINUTES

Retreat notes were reviewed.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

Guest Presenter

Deb Twersky present from 4Culture to report on the status of 4Culture and the funding issues that they face.

Financial Update

Julie reported that the Council has a balance of \$1500. She has requested that it be carried over. Decisions about carryovers will be made in the first quarter of 2011. Indications have been that it will be approved. Leah reported that she discussed funding for the Cultural Council with City Council members and they have said that the Cultural Council can request funds for projects next year once other budgetary concerns have been addressed. Council discussed the potential difficulty of translating the fundraising the council is doing into staffing. Should the Council consider an economic impact committee to better be able to explain the economic benefit of the work that the Council does? This should be discussed next month. Leah reported that she is discussing the possibility of the Cultural Council being a beneficiary of Uncorked.

Staff Report

Ellen reported on the City Council budget process, and the arts groups that received funding.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Kirkland CACHET

CACHET distributed handout with goals and funds needed. Goals are to build and foster awareness, communication, and collaboration among local area arts. Funds needed are \$350 for each event for 2 events, plus \$500 for design and creation of annual awards, special speaker fees, and other costs. The next CACHET event is planned for March 7th at Heritage Hall for Mayor's award. Committee members: Leah, Amy, Cathy, Melissa, Bhaj, Nora, Suzanne. Next event in Fall (Oct).

FUNd Development

The committee discussed their plan for Artisanal fundraiser parties. The mayor offered to host one. Leah reported that Penny Sweet has offered to do a silent auction for the Cultural Council at the Grape Choice. The committee has discussed combining this with the Art in the Attic idea.

Artilizing Kirkland

Rebecca reported that she is opening a Pop Up shop downtown, and another group of artists is opening a temporary shop where Rebecca's was last year. They open on the 27th. The window display contest has started. The last 2nd Thursday artwalk featured 3 sets of musicians, art cars, a plein aire artist. However, it rained and no one came. The group has decided to pull back on the artwalk until April. The committee has learned many

lessons from its experience over the past four months. It is looking at several ways to approach future artwalks. Artilization will bring goals and funds needed to the next meeting.

Public/Private Art

Cathy confirmed the members of the committee: Kathy, Bob, Jeff, GG, Leah, Melissa. The purpose is to oversee proposed additions to the collection. The committee is addressing the signal box on the Bank of America plaza. It proposed covering the box in a color that will blend into the background, and placing a map of the city on it. Ellen and Julie will meet with the Public Works department to show them the Art in Private Development video and discuss public art. The recommendation on the Oberto sculpture will be going to City Council, along with the newest bronze sculpture proposed donation. The decision was made to not accept the Oberto sculpture. Committee brought up reconsideration of the decision not to accept the Park Lane sculpture. A motion was made to rescind the prior vote and to accept the sculpture with the stipulation that it may at some point be moved. Motion approved.

Leah reported that there may be open positions on the committee, as the Council has not heard from Margit or Emily lately. Staff has reached out to confirm their interest.

Meeting adjourned at 6:10.